The M. S. Road.

136 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the contractors entrusted with the work of concreting the M. S. Road have stated definitely in their agreement that they will receive the contract amount in a lump;

(*b*) whether they applied for any part payment afterwards; and

(*c*) what is the amount given to them up-to-date?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Rs. 6,51,063.

Special Police.

157 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of special police employed by Government up-to-date;

(*b*) the total number retained now;

(*c*) the work they are deputed to do; and

(*d*) the amount of money spent on them up-to-date?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY (*Inspector-General of Police*): (*a*) 1,397.

(*b*) 764, on 1-12-1115.

(*c*) To help the regular Police in their work.

(*d*) Rs. 1,24,260-15-4 up to the end of Edavom 1115.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know the nature of the work that is excepted of them?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Sir, this question of special police is often cropping up like the head of Charles I. So I request permission to make a brief statement about it.

PRESIDENT: No. What was the question, please?

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know the nature of the work that is expected of the special police?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: The special police are usually employed on both preventive and detective work. On the preventive side, they go about patrolling on beat work, check the K. Ds., suspects bad characters and suspicious strangers. On the side of detection, I may assure the honourable member as well as the House that they have done much good work. They have given very valuable information and several of the special constables have been rewarded and promoted. On the side of intelligence work also they have done very well. I believe the honourable House may be aware of the fifth column activities in and outside the State and these men have very well acted as our sixth column, as a set off against the fifth column

PRESIDENT: The honourable member will address the Chair.

KHAN BAHADUR G. S ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Some members say that they do not hear the answers given from this side of the House and hence my turning to the members, Sir.

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